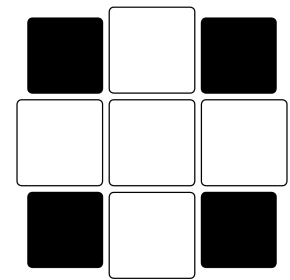


Judgement & Justification

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:5–12

Series: **Future Grace for Godliness**

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Overview

In 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12, we see the reality of God's judgement at Christ's coming but also the hope that justification brings for the Christian. While we need to constantly be looking back at the cross, we also must be looking forward to the future glory that awaits us. This hope is what will motivate us to godliness in the here and now. **Our future in glory encourages godliness in the world.**

Corroborating Texts

Colossians 1:13-14, Romans 1:6, 1 John 3:1, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 1 Peter 2:5, Philippians 2:12-13

Discussion Questions

1. What tends to be your initial reaction when you read about God's judgement? What does that reveal about your view of sin?
2. Do you consider Christ's coming often (including the judgment)? If not, what "future hope" do you tend to replace Christ's coming with?
3. Why is it so crucial to make the distinction that people go to hell not because they don't believe in Christ, but because of their own sin?
4. Given that the only difference between believers and non-Christians is the grace of God, how do we acknowledge the truth of this distinction while still remaining different and distinct in this world? Do you tend to emphasize the similarities (we're all sinners) or the differences between us and non-Christians? Where are the dangers on both sides?
5. What is our calling as Christians? How are we made worthy of this calling?
6. On a practical level, what does it look like for us to "work out our salvation" given that God is the one working in us? How does this truth help us pursue godliness in both motivation and action?